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Inter-State sandalwood smugglers held, 10 cases solved

The city Police seen with Inter-State sandalwood thieves and the seized car and logs.

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSV&RK)- Mysuru City Police have arrested a four-member gang of inter-State sandalwood smugglers and seized 46 kg sandalwood logs worth Rs. 5.5 lakh and a car used for smuggling.

With this arrest, as many as 10 sandalwood theft cases reported in six Police Station limits have been solved.

The accused have been identified as Bhupathi, 24 years, Francis, 26 years and Praveen Kumar, 20 years, all three from Susaipuram village, Talwadi taluk, Erode district; Senthil Kumar, 38 years of Muruganapoondi Koil, Avinashi taluk, Tirupur district. All hailed from Tamil Nadu.

Close on the heels of increase in sandalwood theft cases, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta had constituted a special team under Nazarbad Police Sub-Inspector M.L. Siddesh. The team members arrested these four inter-State sandalwood thieves from a park in K.C. Layout Main Road yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime & Traffic) Geetha Prasanna told press persons here this morning that the modus operandi of the gang was to survey the matured sandalwood trees grown in the Government Office premises and cut it during night and take away to Tamil Nadu where it was sold for customers. The Lancer car used by the gang to transport the sandalwood logs has been seized.

Following the arrest of four persons, two sandalwood cases reported in Nazarbad Police Station limits, two in Ashokapuram PS limits, three in Krishnaraja PS limits, one each in Lakshmipuram, Narasimharaja and Jayalakshmipuram PS limits have been solved.

The City Top Cop has lauded the special team for solving the cases. Further investigation is on by Nazarbad Police under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mariyappa and Nazarbad Police Inspector G.N. Srikanth.

PM to launch vaccine drive in two State Hospitals online on Jan. 11

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSV)- Two Hospitals in Karnataka — one in Bengaluru and one in Hubballi — have been selected in the State for launching of vaccination against COVID-19 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jan. 11 at 4 pm.

This was disclosed by Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar in Bengaluru this morning. He told media persons that Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has selected two Hospitals in Karnataka where the vaccine drive will be launched by Modi through video-conferencing. At that same time, the Prime Minister would also hold interaction with the Chief Ministers and Health Ministers of all States. Names of two Hospitals would be disclosed by tomorrow, he added.

The Prime Minister's interaction with the Chief Ministers would be mainly about the beginning of vaccination against the pandemic from Monday. "I don't know whether vaccination will begin on Monday as it will be announced by Modi himself on Jan. 11. Confusion still prevails over dosage of vaccine for adults and children and it will be clarified by Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry by this evening," he added.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

MCC to re-tender Town Hall multi-level parking works

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is preparing to call re-tenders for the 6,000 sq.ft multi-level parking lot in the Town Hall premises to ease the problem of parking in the heart of the city. Re-tenders will be called for 30 percent of the works that are left unfinished.

The Town Hall multi-level parking facility can accommodate over 600 four-wheelers and over 1,000 two-wheelers. Hyderabad-based Chhabria Associates was given the contract worth Rs. 18.28 crore and the ground-breaking ceremony was performed on April 11, 2011. The project was to be completed by April 2012.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC engineers said that of the Rs.18.28 crore budget, the MCC has already paid Rs. 12 crore to Chhabria Associates. Meantime, the contractor quietly moved back to Hyderabad leaving the project in a limbo. As the contractor firm had violated the deadlines and abandoned the project, it was blacklisted with the consent of the MCC Council. Questioning this, Chhabria Associates approached the Court and the Court has ruled in its favour, said officials.

They said that the Corporation was not willing to handover the tender again to Chhabria Associates. "Over 30 percent of the works have to be completed and over Rs. 7 crore is required for the project to solve the water-logging problem in underground level of parking lot. We have to build a sump to collect the gushing rainwater inside the basement parking and pump the water out. Tenders have to be re-floated," an officer told *Star of Mysore*.

The roof-top of the multi-level parking will have an open air theatre and a Ranga Mantap and the work on this is almost complete. However, the work on the parking lot where cars will be parked is 80 percent complete but the work on the two-wheeler parking has come to a standstill with just pillars standing and no support walls.

"Our lawyer has told us that despite legal hurdles, the MCC can go ahead with additional works for the delayed project to see the light of the day," he said and added that the parking facility has been checked by experts from Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS) and also inspected and certified by renowned structural engineer and former Principal of SJCE Dr. Syed Shakeeb-ur-Rehman.

As per a report submitted by MCC Executive Engineer Nagaraj to Superintendent Engineer Biligiri Rangaswamy, Rs. 5 crore is needed for civil works and Rs. 2 crore is needed for electrical works. "The re-tendering process will begin soon with the approval of the Council," the officer added.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 9th January 2021

Do you own exotic live animals?

Then disclose it voluntarily before Mar. 15

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (KS) - In a bid to provide benefits such as enhanced veterinary care and well-being of exotic animals among others, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has offered 'Voluntary disclosure scheme for exotic live animals' for those owning them.

This is a scheme for Voluntary Disclosure and Registration of Stock, Import of Exotic Live Species in India and related matters (for exotic live animals listed in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) excluding wild animals listed in the schedules of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972).

Those owning exotic live animals can register or apply for voluntary disclosure of possession of live animals; Registration of change in stock of exotic live animals (Transfer/ Death/Acquisition); NoC for import of exotic live animals and birth of progenies.

Following voluntary disclosure, exotic live animal owners will be provided benefits such as: Immunity as per directions of Allahabad Court and corroborated by the Supreme Court; Enhanced Veterinary care and Control of Zoonotic diseases.

The entire registration process has been made online and exotic live animal owners can log on to *http://parivesh.nic.in/* for voluntary disclosure and related matters.

The last date for voluntary disclosure is Mar. 15.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LET'S GET SHOT: ***While nations and individuals compete with each other to see who's first in getting the anti-COVID shot, I find myself following a*** *Pehle aap* ***– You first – policy. This is not because I'm what is called an anti-vaxxer, someone who for whatever reason is apprehensive of the various vaccines being rolled out and their possible adverse side effects and is against being inoculated.*** *I don't want others to be experimental guinea pigs so as to make me feel safer when I take the shot myself.* ***My reluctance to receive the shot stems from the fact that I have what in psychological jargon is termed trypanophobia, a deep-rooted fear of any medical procedure involving needles which come at the business end of a hypodermic syringe. In other words, when it comes to injections, and blood tests, and anything involving the puncturing of my skin, I'm a total scaredy-cat.***

I can trace this irrational fear to my early schooldays in Calcutta when each year all of us were required to take an annual TABC shot, the initials standing for Typhoid A and B, and Cholera, all of which were rife in those far-off days. The school doctor who did the needful – or, rather, the needleful – was Doc D'Senna, a bluff, hearty fellow, who took great pride in what he called his 'juveline throw' method of administering an injection and which involved his hurling the hypodermic syringe like a spear into your arm to speed up an assembly-line process involving a few hundred school children.

There were no disposable single-use syringes then, and the inoculation kit the Doc used resembled in size and shape a *Holi pichkari* ***to which was attached what looked like a knitting needle, and felt like it when poked into your arm. The injection site would swell up into a painful swelling which wouldn't subside for days, and on which macho types would offer to trade punches with you to show who was the tougher guy. These memories made a lifelong impression on me, like a mind-recorded movie which aptly could be called 'Jab we met.'*** *— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hand-painted macarons are too beautiful to eat

Moscow: A self-taught food artist from Russia specialises in hand-painting macarons to create unique edible works of art. But her creations are too beautiful to eat.

An architect by profession, Anna Zhirova came up with the idea of hand-painting macarons completely by accident, but she found the idea fascinating. She had been drawing for as long as she could remember, but the thought of decorating the tiny treats and creating designer macarons was very intriguing. Over time Anna developed both a technique to create the perfect canvas for her art, and the right consistency for the edible food dyes she uses.

Macarons traditionally come in an assortment of colors, but Anna Zhirova's hand-painted ones have a white sugar glaze that makes the perfect background for her beautiful designs.

Animator uses neon effects to highlight classic tattoos

Saint Petersburg: A 19-year-old animator from Russia, is a very skilled animator with his own unique niche – he uses neon effects to enhance the appearance of tattoos.

Maxim Sipakov, the animator, honed his skills by animating online soccer videos, but he soon found that his talent was much better suited for digital tattoo enhancing, so he decided to focus on that. He takes videos from tattoo artists and other creators and works his magic on them, taking the already impressive body art to a whole new level.

Maxim showcases his digital animation skills on social media, where he has hundreds of thousands of fans and millions of views.

HEALTH CAPSULE

SINUS HEADACHE IS A MISNOMER

Most people who get frequent headache in and around the nose or eyes have migraine. Long standing sinus infection leading to headache is rare.

By Dr. Dathathri H. A. - Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon Cochlear Implant Surgeon

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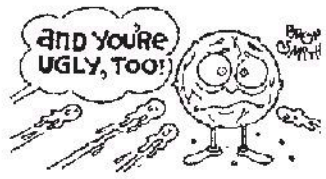


Both the US and Britain have voted the lowly Brussels Sprout the most hated vegetable. The unpleasant odour that gives Brussels Sprouts their unfavourable reputation comes from a powerful sulfer compound called glucosinolate, which has a host of nutritional benefits.

COVID UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 7	JAN. 8
Positive Cases	45	45
Total Positive Cases	52,685	52,730
Discharges	34	61
Total Discharges	51,339	51,400
Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,017	1,017
Total Active Cases	329	313

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 9- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Communication and Journalism to **M.P. Ohila** for her thesis 'Role of theatre in tackling social problems: A case study on theatre performances in Mysore city' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.K. Puttaswamy.

G. Vinay has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Synthesis and in Vivo Anticonvulsant Activity of Pyrimidine and Triazole Derivatives' [Guide: Dr. L. Mallesha].

REALLY...?

- ***If an animal has a tail, it's caudate; if it doesn't have a tail, it's anurous.***
- ***The earth's atmosphere weighs about 5,517,000,000,000,000,000 kilograms.***
- ***A polar bear can smell a seal up to 18 miles away under a sheet of ice.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A guy calls the fire department and yells excitedly: *"You have to come, now, there's a fire!"*
"OK sir, but please tell us how do we get to you."
The man asks, puzzled: *"What, you don't have them big red trucks anymore?!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.37
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.98
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.96

VOICE OF THE READER

Kukkarahalli Lake walking track needs to be renovated

Sir,

The walking track in Kukkarahalli Lake is neither conducive for walking nor jogging. The track has not been upgraded for a long time.

I am a regular walker here on this track that is filled with uneven jelly stones throughout making it difficult for the walkers and joggers. Even I have seen some brisk walkers tumbling and in the process injuring their ankles or knees.

This being winter season, it becomes dark early in the evening and thereby the walkers find it all the more difficult. Unfortunately there is no proper lighting in Kukkarahalli Lake.

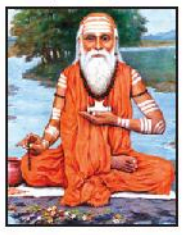
Hence I appeal to the authorities concerned to make the track even throughout preferably by putting slabs on the track and also install lights at frequent locations for safe and comfortable walking.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
8.1.2021

Sri Shivarathreeshwara

Shivayogi Mahaswamiji's 1061st Jayanti Mahotsava on Jan. 11

Mysuru, Jan. 9- The 1061st



Jayanti Mahotsava of Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi will be celebrated in a simple manner at Suttur Srikshetra on Jan. 11 at 10.15 am. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. **Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will inaugurate the event.**

'Suttur Sri Shivarathreeshwara Panchanga,' edited by Siddhanti Dr. K.G. Puttahonnaiah and published by Bharatiya Jyotirvijnana Samshodhana Kendra, as well as the book 'Sri Suttureshwara Shathakagalu' written by retired lecturer of Vijayapura S.N. Simpige will be released on the occasion.

Special pujas will begin at Kartru Gaddige at 3 am followed by *Mahamangalarathi* at 6.30 am. The procession of the silver idol of Adi Jagadguru will begin at 7 am. A galaxy of Seers, Ministers from State and Centre, political leaders and other elected representatives, littérateurs, artists and experts from various fields will take part in the programme which will be telecast online for devotees and public on *https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline, https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP* and *www.jssonline.org.*

No power supply on Jan. 11

Mysuru, Jan. 9 - As L&T has taken up underground cable laying works, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 11 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Surroundings of Fire Station, JSS Women's College, Muslim Hostel, surrounding areas of Swimming Pool, Saraswathipuram 4th to 5th main road, PSR Complex, Saraswathipuram, New Kanthraj Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Talk by Prakash Belawadi

Mysuru, Jan.9- Noted actor and journalist **Prakash Belawadi** will talk on 'Truth, Numbers and The Republic' at Vijnana Bhavan in city on Jan. 10 at 5 pm at an event organised by Manthana, Mysuru.

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NEWS
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YHAI's blood donation camp

As part of the Nationwide mega blood donation camp organised by Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI) to mark Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary and National Youth Day on Jan. 12, the YHAI Mysuru and Gangothri Units have jointly organised a blood donation camp at International Youth Hostel premises in Gokulam II Stage from 9 am onwards. Blood donors in the age group of 18 to 65 years can donate blood. For details, contact Co-ordinators Ravikumar on Mob: 99001-52042; Varun Karthik-90366-67999; K.M. Gopi-94490-47132 or Parashivamurthy-94486-00489.

Bus pass renewal for differently-abled persons

KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division will be distributing and renewing bus passes for differently-abled persons from Jan. 15 instead of earlier slated date of Jan. 26. Beneficiaries should submit their applications through Seva Sindhu portal without fail. Bus passes for differently-abled persons distributed in the year 2020 will be valid till Feb. 28, 2021.

Viveka Samskriti

Marking 158th Jayanti of Swami Vivekananda, Karnataka State Open University's (KSOU) Swami Vivekananda Chair in association with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Mysuru, has organised Viveka Samskriti at Cauvery Auditorium, KSOU premises, on Jan. 12. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar will preside. Swami Yukteshanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala will deliver special address. Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar will be the chief guest. Swa-rachita Kavana Vachana, Essay Writing, Patriotic Songs and Patriotic Group Dance contests will also be held at the venue for College students.

KRS Water Level
(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	118.68 ft
Yesterday	118.64 ft
Inflow	1,739 cusecs
Outflow	989 cusecs

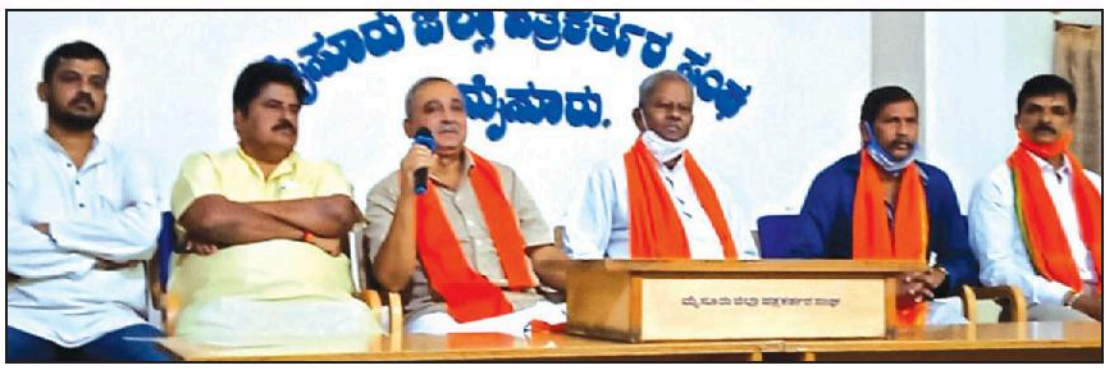
Kabini Level
(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.45 ft
Inflow	605 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level
(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,820.99 ft
Inflow	288 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Ram Mandir fund collection drive across the country from Jan.15



Mysuru, Jan. 9 (PM&DM)- Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) State Organising Secretary Basavaraj said that a Nationwide Ayodhya Ram Mandir donation collection drive will be launched from Jan. 15 to Feb. 27.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Thursday, Basavaraj said that in Karnataka, the drive will take place from Jan. 15 to Feb. 5. Pointing out that 11 crore houses of Hindus across the country will be visited during the drive for fund collection, he said that in Karnataka, there were 1.30 crore houses of Hindus and it has been targeted to visit more than 90 lakhs of them.

Noting that fund collection campaign will be carried out in 4 lakh villages of the country, including 27,500 in Karnataka, he said that 28,000 teams, each having five members, have been formed for the purpose.

Stating that printed coupons will be issued for donations of Rs. 10, Rs. 100 and Rs. 1,000, Basavaraj said that those donating Rs. 2,000 or more will be issued receipts and such big donations will be exempted from Income Tax under Section 80G of IT Act. Donations collected will be credited to the Bank account of Teerth Kshetra Trust and transparency will be maintained in all transactions, he maintained.

He further said that the VHP will accept donations from all communities, religions and all political parties and already, about four Muslim community members from Bengaluru have donated funds.

Pointing out that Roorkee-based CBRI (Central Building Research Institute) and Larsen and Toubro (L&T) are engaged in preparing the blue print for the foundation of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, he said that engineers from Tata Consultancy Services are working on the construction with technical expertise provided by IITs at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Guwahati.

Noting that Ram Mandir will be coming up in an area of 54,000 square feet, he said that the Mandir will be 360 ft. in length and 235 ft. in width, with 3 floors and 5 mantaps. The structure will be supported by 160 pillars on ground floor, 132 in first floor and 74 in second floor and the idol of Ram Lalla is expected to be consecrated in 2024, he said. The Mandir complex will also house an international standard library, museum, research centre, *yagnashala*, Veda School, *Satsang* Bhavan, an amphitheatre, *Dharamshala* and such other facilities, Basavaraj added.

RSS has no connection with Yuvaraj

RSS South Karnataka Region Executive member M. Venkatram, who also addressed, said that RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) had no links with Yuvaraj of Bengaluru, who has been arrested by the Bengaluru CCB Police in connection with cheating of several persons to the tune of crores of rupees. Alleging that it was a ploy by some persons to link Yuvaraj with RSS, he appealed the public not to fall prey to such persons.

Asserting that Ram Mandir fund collection drive has received good response, Venkatram said that veteran writer and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa donated Rs. 10,000 when he launched the fund collection campaign office at *Madhava Krupa* a couple of days ago. Also, it is delightful to note that a physically challenged boy donated his small savings for Ram Mandir construction, he added.

VHP office-bearers R. Satish, Rajendra Babu, Pradeesh and Prithvi were present at the press conference.

Late Seer Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji should be credited for Ram Mandir construction: Pejawar Mutt Seer

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (MK&DM)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, who arrived in the city for the first time after becoming the *Dharmadarshi* of Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, was felicitated at a programme jointly organised by Mysuru Hotel Owners Association and Mysuru Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust at Association building in Krishnamurthypuram here on Thursday.

Speaking after being felicitated, Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji said that late Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji had strived hard for constructing the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya and as such he should be credited for it.

Pointing out that the Government has handed over Ram Mandir site to Ramjanmabhoomi Trust, he said that the site not only belongs to the Trust, but to all Ram bhakts of the country as well.

Noting that Valmiki Ramayana has introduced two diametrically opposite personalities — Rama and Ravana — the Swamiji said that while Rama is an example on how a person should be in the society, Ravana is an example on how a person should not be.

Members of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association felicitating Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji in city on Thursday.

Declaring that a special 45-day campaign on Ram Mandir construction will be launched at Ayodhya from Jan. 15, he said that the cost of construction of Ram Temple at the site is estimated at about Rs. 500 crore, while another Rs. 1,000 crore is needed for development of the surrounding environs. He appealed everyone to donate as per their capacity for construction of Ram Mandir.

Referring to establishment of *Goshalas*, he said that cows are as sacred as our mothers and hence should not be sent to slaughter houses.

Pointing out that it is important to set up *Goshalas* here and there for cattle care, he appealed the people to donate liberally for the cause. He also suggested the hotel owners to set up *Go-Hundis* (offering box for cattle care) in their hotels so that customers can contribute. State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Hoteliers Charitable Trust President Ravi Shastri, Subramanya Tantri and others were present.

Re-appointed as Chairman of Vishwakarma Development Corporation

Mysuru, Jan.9- Babu Pattar, a resident of Bengaluru, has been re-appointed as Chairman of Vishwakarma Development Corporation.

The State Government, which had appointed Babu Pattar as Chairman of the Corporation last December, had replaced him within days after his appointment with the nomination of Lohit Y. Kallur to the post, in an order passed on Dec.30, 2020. But the Government withdrew its order in just a day and re-appointed Babu Pattar as the Chairman on Dec. 31.

City's Mandyam Devaramane M.P. Lakshmipathy Acharya Prathisthanam has welcomed the re-appointment of Babu Pattar.

CCB Cops bust fake Ayurveda medicine gang: Four held

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SBD&SSV)- City Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths attached to Mysuru City Police have busted a gang which was duping people by selling fake Ayurveda medicine and seized large quantity of fake drugs.

The CCB team led by ACP V. Mariyappa has trapped the gang which had taken a house on rent where they were distributing fake Ayurveda medicine to gullible people by charging them thousands of rupees.

The accused have been identified as 24-year-old Prashanth Arjun Talawar, 25-year-old Chandru Munnavva Eragar and 39-year-old Kumar Gurappa Bagalkote of Gokak town in Belagavi and 32-year-old Harshad Mohan Pawar of Jharera village in South Delhi, New Delhi, who was residing at Paduvarahalli in Mysuru.

Police said the *modus operandi* of the gang was to identify people walking on roads with illness and promising them to give them good quality Ayurveda medicine. The accused had opened Ayurveda medical shops under the name of Parampara, Siddivinayaka, Sairam and Dhanvantri, where patients were taken and given fake medicines in the name of reputed brands. By doing this, they had cheated people worth lakhs of rupees. While three accused Prashanth, Chandru and Harshad were arrested by CCB sleuths in Vidyaranyapuram, the prime accused, Kumar Bagalkote was arrested at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli while trying to flee to Belagavi in flight.

The accused, during interrogation, are said to have admitted with the Cops that the prime accused Kumar Bagalkote was using youths from his hometown Gokak to cheat people.

They had opened stores in Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Hubballi and other places and cheated thousands of people. Kumar would monitor the entire operation and lead posh life by traveling in air to various destinations. He had opened a shop 'Parampara Ayurvedic' on 1st Floor, House No. 5, 8th Main, Opposite St. Thomas School, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranpuram, where he cheated scores of people.

Cases had been filed against Kumar Bagalkote in Hubballi and Andhra Pradesh on the charges of fake ayurveda medicine. A large quantity of fake medicine had been seized from the accused.

Temporary centre

Police said that the accused would take a small house on rent and tie banner of ayurveda centre. The gullible people were brought home and given a variety of powder by charging them thousands of rupees. The business was going on without the knowledge of house owner. The accused would give little money as rent and take one month time to pay remaining amount. Then they would vacate house without the knowledge of house owner.

CCB Inspector R. Jagadish and team nabbed the accused under the guidance of DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and Geeta Prasanna. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has complimented the CCB team for busting the gang.

Investigation into man's murder reveals killing of his son by same accused

3 arrested

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (RK&DM)- An investigation into a man's murder, who was clubbed to death near Mandakalli on Jan. 2, has revealed that his son too was allegedly killed by the same accused. Mysuru South Police have arrested the alleged killers.

The arrested have been identified as Manjunath, Mahadevaswamy alias Madappa and Satish alias Satish Kumar alias Billa, all residents of Mandakalli.

Details: The Mysuru South Police, based on a complaint, had registered a case in connection with the murder of one Marikotegowda of Mandakalli, who was found brutally hacked to death by miscreants when he was proceeding on his motorcycle from Mandakalli to Mahadevapura on the morning of Jan. 2.

Marikotegowda's body was found in an agricultural field located close to a canal along Mandakalli-Srinagar Mud *(Kacchha)* Road, while the killers had taken away his motorcycle.

The Police, who began investigation into the case, traced the absconding accused — Manjunath, Mahadevaswamy and Satish — by mobile tower signals and took them into custody on Jan. 8, on suspicion of their involvement as the trio had a running dispute with Marikotegowda and his family over some issue.

During interrogation, the trio spilled the beans on the murder of Marikotegowda and also his son Satish Kumar.

The accused trio, who had personal animosity towards Satish Kumar, had murdered him on the night of the night of Dec. 26 and had thrown his body in a bush at a secluded spot near the APMC Market Yard on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, which fact was not immediately known to anyone. Meanwhile, as Satish Kumar did not return home his father Marikotegowda lodged a missing complaint with the jurisdictional Mysuru South Police on Dec. 29 stating that his son, who left home on a motorcycle on the night of Dec. 26, had not returned since then.

Upon coming to know that Marikotegowda had lodged a missing complaint stating that his son had gone missing since three days, the accused trio — Manjunath, Mahadevaswamy and Satish — who had already killed Satish Kumar by then, feared that Marikotegowda would kill them in retaliation if he (Marikotegowda) learnt that his son (Satish Kumar) had been murdered and decided to do away with Marikotegowda as well. After hatching a plot, the trio intercepted and brutally hacked Marikotegowda to death when he was proceeding on his motorcycle from Mandakalli towards Mahadevapura on the morning of Jan. 2 and threw his body in an agricultural field along Mandakalli-Srinagar Mud Road.

After the trio spilled the beans on the double murder, the Police recovered the body of Satish Kumar, which was found lying in a highly decomposed state at the spot on Friday (Jan. 8), based on the information provided by the alleged killer trio. The Police have also recovered the Motorcycle (KA-09 HV-623) which Marikotegowda was travelling when he got killed.

The investigation also revealed that the trio had followed Satish Kumar who left his house on his motorcycle from Mandakalli on the night of Dec. 26 and brutally hacked him to death with lethal weapons after intercepting him near APMC. The trio then threw the body in a bush at a secluded place located quite a distance from APMC Yard, which was recovered yesterday. Mysuru South Police, who have registered a case of double murder against the trio, have continued further investigation into the case.

The nabbing operation was carried out by Mysuru South CPI K. Jeevan, PSI V.C. Vanaraju and other staff under the guidance of SP C.B. Ryshyanth, Additional SP R. Shivakumar and Assistant SP Dr. A.R.Sumith.

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God save America for the sake of DEMOCRACY

The United States of America (USA), the global purveyor of Democracy took a hit to its democratic credentials as a group of rioters took over Capitol Building, the seat of the US Government. As the rioting unfolded, many had that "Schadenfreude" feeling, the joy one feels when something bad happens to a person they don't particularly like but can't confront. And it is understandable.

The USA has, for far too long, self-anointed itself as the flag-bearer of Democracy across the world. And it has used that position to "deploy" USA-certified Democracy in nations that had none, and even in nations that already had one! Now, some leaders and writers say USA got a taste of what they do in other countries — a coup.

President Trump may have tried to have a coup, but it was a Trump kind of coup, which means it was not. Not even close. Only Trump supporters and media that is obsessed with showing Trump as a deranged super villain think it was a coup. May be they should hear Lord Mountbatten's line from the Netflix show *'The Crown'* to understand the complex machinations that goes into pulling off a coup.

Mountbatten, when approached to head a coup against Prime Minster Sir Harold Wilson, says *"What all successful insurgencies have in common are five key elements. Control of the media, control of the economy and the capture of administrative targets, for which you need the fourth element, the loyalty of the military, tens of thousands of unquestioningly loyal servicemen, and even in my heyday, I could never command that. Which brings me to the fifth element. Legitimacy. Now, our Government draws its strength from long-established institutions that support it. The courts, body of common law, the Constitution. For any action against the State to succeed, you'd have to overthrow these as well. But in a highly evolved Democracy such as ours, their authority is sacrosanct. Which is why, gentlemen, a coup d'état in the United Kingdom... doesn't stand a chance."*

So no, what happened in the US Capitol was not a coup, it was just an angry mob of daring sore losers.

It was an exhibition of misguided rage by a mob of mis-fits taken in by a golden-haired false messiah who fed their deepest prejudice and insecurity with hate, fear and misinformation through large feeding tubes of social media.

This daring exhibition of hate makes one wonder, how did USA, a nation that elected a black President for two terms, a President who spoke sense, a President who inspired people across the world not just his country, end up electing a President who destroyed the most cherished ideology of the United States of America — Democracy. The answer is, "Opportunistic Liberalism."

The liberals have failed Democracy by their failure to uphold true liberalism which turned conservative politics into fanatic right wing politics.

Liberals' constant treating of citizens of one nation with two different yard sticks, their habitual minority appeasement policy (I wonder how former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh would distribute vaccines if he still was the PM, after all it was he who said minorities have the first right to resources in our country!), their constant feeding of a sense of "victimhood" to one group and projecting other as "the enemy" has today rendered liberalism a farce and has led to the rise in right wing fanatics which we have to suffer.

Liberals feed off the "fear" of minorities, the Right feeds off the "disenchantment" of the majority. But both make political merry while the social fabric of a nation is shredded. This can be seen in most Democracies today.

As Shashi Tharoor, the few rational and truly liberal politicians we have, said there is a lesson for us in what happened in the USA. He is right. So now will his party ask the farmers to stop threatening the Government saying "Take back laws or we are ready to die." If this is how we make laws, then this nation's Highways will become permanent sites of protest.

There is also an important lesson for our Prime Minister Modi in the American saga. Just like how we don't like Justin Trudeau meddling in our country's politics and policies, our PM shouldn't play campaign mascot in others'. Where was the need for PM Modi to endorse Trump? May be, the Prime Minister would have done well to heed to the late President Pranab Mukherjee's advise.

In his posthumous book *"The Presidential Years 2012-2017,"* Mukherjee says *"I do not subscribe to the belief that such special friendships have any worth when it comes to international relationships, where every relationship is impersonal."*

That said, how will PM Modi deal with Biden after having endorsed his opponent? Can he hug his way out ?

For now, Trump's Presidency will end soon, but what has ended sooner is America's image as a stable Democracy. It is indeed a sad sight.

As much as anyone hates American behaviour as the "Policeman of the World" or the constant chest thumping proclaiming to be "the greatest country in the world," they did push for Democracy by example. They were indeed a great example for what robust Democracy brings to its people, such as strong economy, an ecosystem of innovation and upholding of personal liberties, which many followed.

Let's not forget post-World War II, it was the Americans who inspired both Western and Eastern Europe to chose Democracy.

So whether we like it or not, America is indeed a beacon of Democracy even if it isn't the best Democracy.

More importantly, it is a Democracy we desperately need to be stable and strong as powerful Communist nations like China and undemocratic ones like Russia restlessly circle the globe trying to feed off weak nations to further their ideology and create a world in their own image.

To express a pedestrian analogy, America is to world Democracy, what Virat Kohli is to Indian cricket. Yes, he is a showman, comes across as being arrogant, at times even a jerk and sometimes does not even deliver as a cricketer, but we need him on our side, because he has the capacity to instil confidence with his talent, tenacity and work ethic which makes the Opposition wary and most times helps us win.

For now, guess it's time for American politicians to change their standard speech ending line from *"God Bless You and God Bless America"* to *"God Help Us and God Save America,"* for the sake of World Democracy. *Amen.*

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District Minister takes whirlwind tour of city

- Inaugurates recycled waste water fountain at Niveditanagar Park
- Lays foundation stone for first-of-its-kind heritage toilet in Town Hall

MUDA fraud-prevention team headed by Dy.SP to be formed soon: Somashekar

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (RK, PM& BCT)- Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, accompanied by elected representatives, party workers and followers along with a battery of officials and media persons took a whirlwind tour of city this morning. A majority of development works were in Chamaraja and Chamundeshwari Assembly segments.

The Minister's tour schedule began at around 9 am where he performed *Bhoomi Puja* for road works at K.G. Koppal. In all, it is a 2.20 km road development works at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore. MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Ward 42 Corporator Shivakumar and others were present.

MUDA fraud-prevention

Speaking to reporters, Somashekar said that the State Government was committed to prevent MUDA frauds and a special team headed by a Dy.SP will be exclusively formed. "I have already discussed the issue with Home Minister and Mysuru City Police Commissioner to form a MUDA surveillance and fraud-prevention team soon," he said.

After this, the Minister's cavalcade drove to Krishnadhama to meet Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji. He took the Seer's blessings and discussed fundraising for Sri Ram Temple at Ayodhya.

Fountain at Park

After this, the Minster proceeded towards Subbarao Park at Niveditanagar to inaugurate a water fountain that functions with recycled waste water.

The project recycles 1 MLD waste water and feeds into the fountain for attractive display. MLA G.T. Devegowda, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Zonal Assistant Commissioner Sathyamurthy and others were present.

Later, the Minster and team arrived at Ward 26 Kantharaj Urs Park near Meena Bazaar to inaugurate a modern toilet built at a cost of Rs. 35 lakh. Mayor Tasneem and other dignitaries were present. Before this, the Minister also visited party office at Sharadadevinagar where he was felicitated.

Heritage toilet

The next project where the Minister laid the foundation stone was the heritage toilet that is coming up in RangacharluTown Hall. The pay-and-use heritage toilet will be the first-of-its-kind in the country and will be built at the space on the Northern side facing Gandhi Square.

The MCC had signed a MoU with Namma Mysuru Foundation (NMF) on March 12, 2020 for the construction and operation of the toilets under BOOT (Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer) arrangement. NMF will build and maintain the toilet for five years and hand over to the MCC.

As per the MoU, NMF will build the toilet at a cost of Rs.1.4 crore. MCC will provide free water while NMF will have to foot the electricity bill.

The toilet will have separate portions for men and women, an exclusive portion for physically challenged attached with ramp facility, a baby-feeding facility for lactating mothers, a full-fledged security room and adequate space for hand wash. There will be 17 toilets and 8 bath spaces, changing room and a utility store. Rainwater harvesting facility will also be implemented in the toilet complex.

Dasharath, Managing Trustee of NMF, Somashekar, member of district heritage committee Prof. N.S. Rangaraju and others were present.

Press conference

The last engagement of the District Minister in the morning was a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan. The Minister said that a State-level BJP 'Jana Sampark Samavesha' (public contact programme) will be held from Jan. 11 to Jan. 13 and the event will be set in motion in Mysuru by CM B.S. Yediyurappa.

Inauguration of Mangaluru Academy in Hunsur tomorrow

Hunsur, Jan. 9 (Raghu)- President of Abhideepa Shikshana Samshte Dr. L.P. Ravi Kumar has said that Mangaluru Academy will be inaugurated at Ambedkar Bhavan here tomorrow (Jan. 10).

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Sangha here this morning, Dr. Ravi Kumar said, "Mangaluru Academy will be providing coaching for rural community students to take up IIT-JEE, NEET, CET, CA and CS exams. We have also organised a workshop for science students of Hunsur, Periyapatna, H.D. Kote and K.R. Nagar, studying first and second PU, tomorrow at the same venue.

MLA H.P. Manjunath will be inaugurating the workshop. Meritorious students from the taluk who have scored highest marks in SSLC and PU will be felicitated on this occasion. Principal of Puttur College Prasad Shyanbhog, S. Kantharaj, Shailesh Shetty, Prasad Reddy and other subject experts will be participating in the event," he said.

Panache's designer expo begins

A two-day designer expo, organised by Panache at The Quorum Hotel on Vinoba Road in city, was inaugurated this morning. Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Mahima from Sugared Rose, Madeeha from SFS, designer Shaista Durrani, organisers Nishat Mohsin and Misba Umrean of Panache, Ruchi from Style Aura and Shweta from Vistaar. The expo will be open for public today and tomorrow between 11 am and 8.30 pm.

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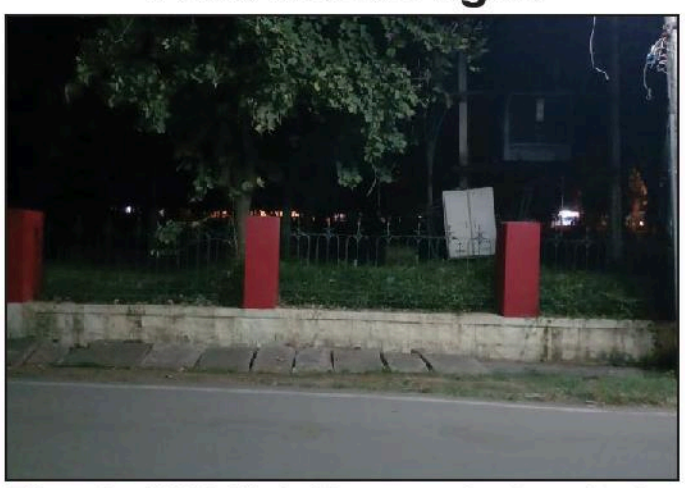

This park, which is filled with greenery, is a favourite place for numerous residents of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block for their early morning and evening walks. But to take a stroll in the morning, they have to wait for the sunrise or for a evening walk, they have to hurry up finishing their routine works, so that they can make it before sunset. Reason: The existing light poles were removed to install new ones. Unfortunately, the authorities have not bothered to install new poles till date due to which the entire park has plunged into darkness. Residents allege that illegal activities too go on under the cover of darkness and have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to install new light poles soon.

Plea to asphalt road at Kanakadasanagar

The road right in front of Jodi Bevinamara Bus Stop at Kanakadasanagar in Dattagalli 3rd Stage is in a bad shape as a portion of the asphalt has come off and the road is strewn with gravel making it slippery for motorists, especially two-wheeler riders. Eye witnesses say that a few riders have fallen down and injured themselves, while passing on this stretch. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

Retain original form of Classical Kannada Centre: Activists

Delegation meets MLA G.T. Devegowda and MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (RKB&BCT)- The issue of granting full autonomy to Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) in Mysuru, housed at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), has once again gained traction with prominent Kannada writers and activists meeting Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda urging him to strive towards retaining the original form of CESCK and also press for autonomy.

The delegation, under the umbrella Classical Kannada Autonomy Action Committee, met the MLA recently with a list of demands.

The delegation was led by social activist P. Mallesh. They apprised the MLA about the willingness of University of Mysore (UoM) to grant four-acre land and infrastructure to set up the Classical Kannada Centre. But the policies of the Central Government have threatened the very existence of the prestigious Centre, they claimed.

The activists told the MLA that the CESCK was established in Mysuru after much struggle by Kannada writers and activists and the struggle will continue till full autonomy.

They alleged that the Union Government has planned to convert CESCK into a text book wing of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

There is also a move by the Centre to convert CIIL into a linguistic University and bring CESCK under it as a small division, denying individuality and autonomy to Kannada language, they claimed.

Mentioning that Tamil Nadu MLAs and MPs relentlessly fight for Tamil language, Cauvery waters and other issues concerning that State in Parliament and outside, the activists alleged that elected representatives from Karnataka do not raise their voice against Central Government's policies.

The delegation urged the MLA to raise voice against such a move that threatens the existence of CESCK.

"If our MPs and MLAs speak at relevant forums regarding issues that are harming the Kannada language, the Centre will listen to them and such policies would not have been made," the activists said.

They pointed out that members of Project Management Board of CIIL and the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority had opposed the moves by the Central Government.

Drawing the attention of the MLA, the writers said that it is a matter of pride that CESCK has completed 10 years of successful functioning in Mysuru.

"The Central Institute for Classical Tamil has secured autonomous status within years of the language being accorded classical status and it has grown by leaps and bounds. Also, the Central Institute for Classical Telugu was shifted to Nellore from Mysuru and is getting all the funding while unfortunately there is a delay in according autonomy to CESCK," they stated and added that political pressure must be built to save CESCK from being irrelevant.

Committee Convener N. Diwakar, M.G. Sadanandaiah, S.R. Sudarshan, Maddikere Gopal, E. Dhananjaya Yeliyur, G. Prasanna Kumar, Moogoor Nanjundaswamy, K.S. Shivaramu, B.R. Rangaswamy and others were present.

Delegation meets MP Sreenivasa Prasad

The same delegation met Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad in Mysuru yesterday and submitted a memorandum urging him to exert pressure on the Centre to retain the original form of CESCK and also grant autonomy. They told the MP that the State Government was neglecting the Classical Kannada Centre.

Speaking to the delegation, Sreenivasa Prasad said that the State Government needs will power to fight for its rights and must learn from Tamil Nadu Government. He said that he would do the needful on the issue.

Sale of non-tax paid plastic items on footpaths opposed

"Sale of items manufactured by small industries is affected due to allowing plastic and other items to be sold on footpaths without paying tax. Who will be responsible if micro industries are closed and employees are thrown out of job ?"

—B.N. Nagendra
Social Worker

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SPN&SSV)- Industrialists and social workers have taken strong objection to selling of plastic and household articles on footpath without paying tax and urged the District Administration to take action in this regard. Suresh Kumar Jain, General Secretary, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Council, said if household articles and plastic items were allowed to sell on footpaths without paying tax to the State and the Union Governments, why they should run factory, remit tax to Government and give salary to employees. Repeated appeals made to the District Administration to stop this trade has not yielded results, he regretted.

He told *SOM* that those articles were sold on footpaths across the city with no check by Traffic Cops, Commercial Taxes and Mysuru City Corporation officials. The sellers don't pay GST or other taxes. A few non-Kannada speaking youths sell a pair of plastic chair for Rs.750 to Rs.800. Such traders are found in front of Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road, Nanjumalige Circle, Bannimantap, Valmiki Road, Mysuru-Hunsur Road, various roads in Vijayanagar extension, Bengaluru Road, Nanjangud Road, KRS Road, Gaddige Road and on other busy streets. The authorities concerned must check this trade without any mercy, he added.

"We are not against the sale of agricultural produces on footpaths but do not tolerate other items which are sold on footpaths without paying any tax to the Governments," Jain added.

Degree, PG, Diploma and Engineering Colleges to re-open after Sankranti Festival: Minister

Date to be finalised soon

Bengaluru, Jan. 9 (SSV)- The offline classes for first year and second year students of Degree, Post-Graduation, Diploma and Engineering courses will start after Sankranti Festival, informed Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, here on Friday.

"I have asked all Vice-Chancellors to submit a report in this regard soon to decide the date for re-opening of the Colleges after a gap of ten months," he told media persons after participating in video-conferencing with VCs of all the Government and Private Universities and senior officials of several Departments including Higher Education.

The Vice-Chancellors, who attended the meeting, equivocally suggested to the Government to start the offline classes at the earliest. The date of starting the classes will be decided after receipt of report by the VCs. The offline classes for final year students of Degree, PG, Diploma and Engineering courses which started last month were running successfully after initial hiccups. This has made the State Government to start first year and second year classes by strictly following guidelines issued by University Grants Commission (UGC) and COVID-19 guidelines, he added.

The Minister said the meeting mainly discussed when to start the academic year 2021-22. Since Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar has already announced that second year PU examination would be held in second week of May, time table for higher education courses would be fixed accordingly.

VTU exam: Dr. Karisiddappa, Vice-Chancellor, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), opined it was better to conduct offline examination (Hard Paper Writing) than online exams. The Government would consider it seriously. As per UGC norms, examination had to be completed before March 2021 but the syllabus had not been completed in several Universities. In the wake of this, the Government was mulling to conduct examination in April or May this year, he added.

Bus Pass and Hostel: The Minister said confusion over students' concessional bus pass would be cleared soon by discussing it with his Cabinet colleague and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi. Then it would be finalised whether students can use the old pass or should apply afresh. Hostel facility will be provided to SC and ST students after beginning of classes. The Social Welfare Department has responded positively in this regard, he added.

Kumar Naik, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, P. Pradeep, Commissioner, Department of Collegiate Education, Prof. Thimmegowda, Vice-Chairman, Higher Education Council, Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and others attended the online meeting.

The Higher Education Minister participated in the meeting from Ramanagara, where he is also the District in-charge Minister.

Pratibha Puraskar for Uppara community students tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.9 (PM&DM)- The District Uppara Employees and Professionals Association has organised a Pratibha Puraskar programme for meritorious students of the community at Kalamandira here on Jan.10 (Sunday).

Announcing this at a press meet here on Thursday, Association Hon. Advisor Dr.K. Somashekar said that University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof.G. Hemantha Kumar will inaugurate the programme at 10.30 am on Jan.10.

Apart from Pratibha Puraskar, which is the 25th one, the programme will feature felicitation to promoted employees, retired employees, achievers and social workers of Uppara community, he said and added that calendar release, homage to dignitaries and prize distribution too will be part of the programme.

He further said that 9 personalities including Bengaluru based D.Y. Uppar Educational and Social Foundation President Sharan D.Bandi will be conferred 'Bhageeratha Vidyashri' award, while two other personalities will be conferred 'Bhageeratha Suvarna Vidyashri' award and three folk scholars will be conferred 'Bhageeratha Janapada Rathna' award.

Continuing, Dr. Somashekar said that Hosadurga Bhageeratha Mutt Seer Dr. Purushottamananda Swamiji and Ayyana Saragur Mutt Seer Chinnaswamiji will grace the occasion, while Association President R. Somashekar will preside. Chamarajanagar MLA C. Puttarangashetty will unveil a portrait of Bhageeratha Maharshi, he added.

Association President R. Somashekar, Vice-President Mahadeva Shetty and Advisor Dr.K. Ajay Kumar were present at the press meet.

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No. KST/MDY/TR/Com/637/2020-21 Dt : 07.01.2021

NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION-17/2020-21

K.S.R.T.C. Mandya Division, Mandya. Negotiation Applications are invited at Nagamangala Bus Stand General Stall-1 & 2, Kikkery Bus Stand-General stall-2 & Hotel, Belakavadi Bus Stand-Hotel, Srirangapattana Bus Stand- General Stall-10, Madduru Bus Stand- General Stall-2, Koppa Bus Stand-General Stall-1, K.M.Doddi Bus Stand-Hotel and Srirangapattana Bus Stand-Two wheeler parking stand (O.P) for the licensee selection. Submitting Negotiation application and Application fee & EMD D.D's submission **date: 28.01.2021 at 10.30 to dt: 29.01.2021 at 17.00** and Negotiation will be. Held on **Date: 02.02.2021 At 11.30 am** and visit the website **"http://www.ksrtc.in"** or KSRTC, Mandya Division, Mandya for more details. Contact No. 7337680837, 77609960652, 7760990661.

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1.64 lakh students of Govt. Colleges to get tablet PCs soon

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSV)- The State Government has taken a landmark decision to distribute tablet PCs free of cost to 1.64 lakh students studying in Government Degree, Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges in the current academic year, said Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

He was speaking after distributing free laptops to one hundred meritorious children of milk producer families in Bengaluru City, Rural and Ramanagar District Milk Producers' Co-operative Union in Ramanagar yesterday.

The Minister said tablet PCs will be distributed to banish digital distance between students studying in Private and Government educational institutions that too in the current digital world.

The State Cabinet had already taken a decision in this regard and the process of procurement of tablet PC will start soon at an estimated cost of Rs.155.40 crore. In current academic year, first year students of 430 Government First Grade Colleges, first, second and third year students in 14 Government Engineering Colleges and first, second and third year students of 87 Government Polytechnic Institutions would receive tablet PCs. The endeavour of the State Government was to help students belonging to socially and economically backward who cannot afford to buy the gadget and compete with their urban counterparts in studies, he added.

SJCE students stage protest, oppose offline exams

Mysuru, Jan. 9 - Students of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) staged a protest on Thursday urging the authorities concerned to conduct online exams.

Over 200 students who had gathered in front of SJCE entrance gate held protest and demanded that exams should be conducted through online mode.

"This year, we attended online classes due to Corona pandemic. But online learning hasn't been as effective as offline classes.

While very few students have been able to follow the lessons and understand them, many of us haven't been able to do so due to online mode of teaching. Hence we don't want offline exams and request them to conduct exams online," they demanded and submitted a memorandum in this regard to the College Principal.

It may be recalled, the students of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) too staged a snap strike on Jan. 5 demanding postponement of Semester End Examination (SEE) in the wake of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic across the country.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
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www:eemys@kpwd.gov.in ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ನಂ: 0821242010

ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ವರುಣಾ ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ KW-1, KW-2, ಮತ್ತು KW-3 ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಏಕ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು 20 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 5.50 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂ:ಆಇ675 ವೆಚ್ಚ-12/2020, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2020 ರನ್ವಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.12.2021 ರವರೆಗಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಡಿಕ್ಲರೇಷನ್ ಫಾರಂನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವವರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:-15.01.2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Reprise

Pronunciation: rih-PREEZ.
Meaning: A musical repetition; the repetition of the exposition preceding the development; recurrence, renewal, or resumption of an action; a deduction or charge made yearly out of a manor or estate.
Origin: When reprise was first adopted into English in the 15th century, it referred to a deduction or charge made yearly out of a manor or estate (and was usually used in the plural form reprises). It probably won't surprise you, then, to learn that reprise comes from an Anglo-French word meaning "seizure, repossession, or expense." Eventually, reprise came to refer to any action that was repeated or resumed. A later sense, borrowed from modern French, applies to specific types of repetition in musical compositions. That sense was eventually generalised to describe any subsequent and identical performance. It's possible, for example, to have a reprise of a television program or a book.
Example: "What was sweet and touching and only slightly comic in its original presentation becomes ridiculous in its reprise. It is the same song, and it is not." — Steve Swayne, How Sondheim Found His Sound, 2005.

THE ODD WORD

Ramage

Boughs of a tree.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rack and ruin

Meaning: To go to rack and ruin is to fall into a state of complete disrepair or destruction.
Origin: It might be thought that the rack in this phrase refers to the medieval torture device, as in the phrase rack one's brains. This rack is however a variant of the now defunct word wrack, more usually known to us now as wreck. The rather tautological use of the two similar words 'rack' and 'ruin' is for the sake of emphasis. In that respect the phrase follows the pattern of beck and call, chop and change, fair and square etc. The term 'going to wreck' was the forerunner of 'rack and ruin' and was used as early as 1548, in a sermon by Ephraim Udall: "The flocke goeth to wrecke and vtterly perisheth." Henry Bull moved the phrase on to 'wrack and ruin' in his translation of Luther's Commentarie upon the fiftene psalmes, 1577: "Whiles all things seeme to fall to wracke and ruine." The phrase 'Rack and ruin' - meaning and origin.We finally get to the contemporary 'rack and ruin' in 1599, when the Oxford historian Thomas Fowler published The history of Corpus Christi College:
"In the mean season the College shall goe to rack and ruin."

QUOTE BOX

If you are delighted to be in ancient ruins, you are either a curious historian or a romantic person! **— Mehmet Murat ildan**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ANOTHER 1

Answer: One right after another.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sharpen
5 Malarial fever
9 Chatter, eloquence or loquacity
12 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
13 Cautious and vigilant.
14 Narrow inlet, creek
15 In a vexingly inconveniencing way
18 Puccini opera
19 Not in time
20 Affirmative vote
22 Decelerates
26 Unworthy, vile or vulgar
30 Deuces
31 Old time movie Anokhi ___
32 WWII German Submarine (1-4)
34 Female sheep
35 Looking dejected
37 Unrolls or unfolds
39 Lubricated
41 Compass pt.
42 Young adult
45 Hunter in the sky?
49 Withdrawal; extinction
53 Unwell
54 The French for 'head'
55 Small drinks
56 Sea for the French
57 Myra ___ : famous pianist?
58 "Nose" anagram for Adam's grandson?

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	C	S	■	S	E	E	M	■	T	U	B
C	A	R	P	■	A	C	E	D	■	U	S	A
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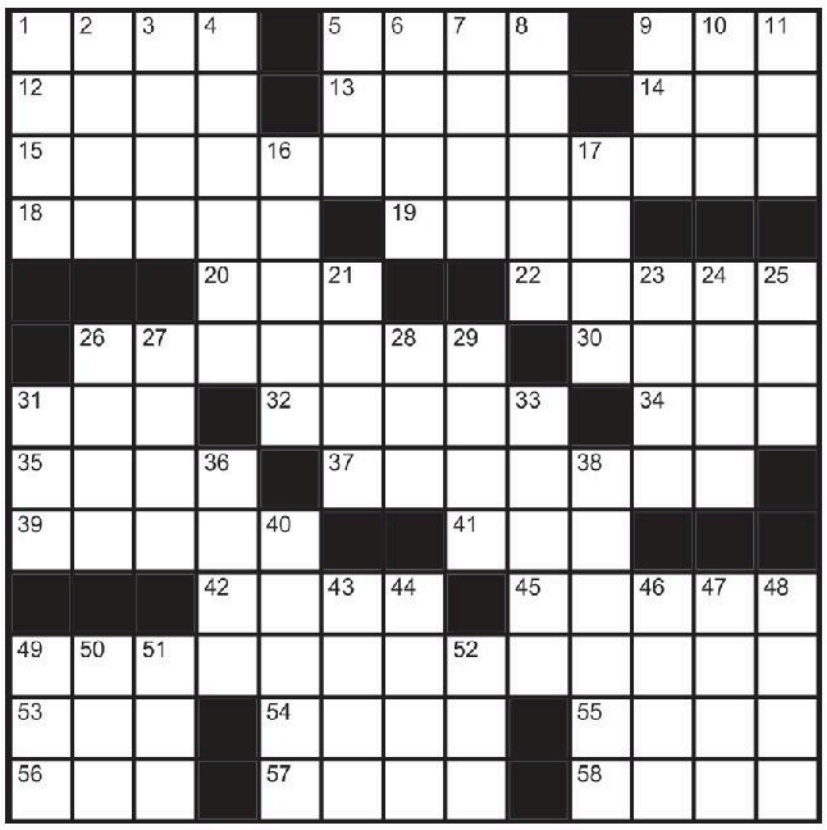
DOWN
1 This 'James' improved the steam engine
2 Jackie Shroff's first film
3 Greek god "rose" for a change
4 Large beaked bird
5 Cobbler's tool
6 Scottish Celt - "a leg" broken?
7 ___ minor : Little Bear in the sky?
8 Islets - "yes to" change ?
9 Grad. Rec. Exam.
10 Suffer
11 Body of water
16 Marshy tributary
17 Become liquid by heating
21 Flows back
23 Was in debt
24 Causes awe
25 U-turn from NNW
26 S. Indian snack
27 France
28 Cut off or sever
29 Deserve
31 In time past
33 High male voice
36 Organic bonding position - "team" change?
38 Make bubbly
40 Distance down
43 Fencer's blade
44 Fishing aids
46 Let ___ ___ : tell? (2,2)
47 Eight as a prefix
48 Headland
49 Indistinct
50 English suffix or French island
51 Camera type
52 Roman bronze - "sea" change?



SUDOKO

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	5		7					4
9	4			1				
	1		8				9	
			3		7			
	6				2		4	
				8			7	6
2					6		1	
	9	6						8

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	8	7	2	4	9	3	1
4	3	7	1	9	6	8	5	2
9	2	1	3	8	5	4	7	6
2	5	6	8	1	7	3	4	9
8	9	4	2	5	3	6	1	7
1	7	3	6	4	9	5	2	8
3	4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5
7	8	5	4	6	1	2	9	3
6	1	9	5	3	2	7	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

O XOH FGT QWOEU UCQQWEMHD MU OBEWOLS

UCQQWEMHD QETX FGOP GW QWOEU.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: When the bird of the heart begins to sing, too often will reason stop up her ears.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 10)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom, Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Maraleshwara Temple, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

  Panache: Designers Expo, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Kasturi Sirigannada Vedike, State Unit, Mandya and Keerthi Yuvati Mahila Mandali, Mysuru:** Sankranti Poets Meet (Kavigoshti) and Felicitation, social worker B.S. Geetha Ganesh inaugurates, writer Siddaswamy presides, retd. Karntaka High Court Judge Justice Arali Nagaraju speaks about Sankranti, Keerthi Yuvati Mahila Mandali President K. Manjula Ramesh delivers introductory address, felicitation to S. Shivalalita, Srinivas Raju, Ramachandra, Prof. S.A. Kamala Jain, Padma Mohan, T.C. Jyothi, G. Jayaramu, Guru Goutham, K.S. Shyamala Jayakumar, Nirmala and G. Lakshan; advocate M. Guruprasad, social worker Dhanya Kumar, Kasturi Sirigannada Vedike State President Potera Mahadevu, social worker Chikkachannaiah and PES Law College Professor K.S. Jayakumar chief guests, Geeta Gayana by Drakshayini Umesh, Sarvamangala comperes, Akkana Balaga (opposite Press Club), Tyagaraja Road, **11 am.**
- **Brahmibhoota Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Foundation, Mysuru:** Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations, Kanakadasa keertana singing contest, former MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurates, culture patron Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee offers floral tribute to the portrait of Kanakadasaru, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat-Mysuru Maddikere Gopal presides, youth leader M.N. Naveen Kumar chief guest, Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation-Mysuru Director Dr. K. Leela Prakash and Maharshi Public School Head Mistress M.S. Vanishree competition jury members; Conferring of 'Kanakasri' Award on Dr. Shyamala Murthy and A.N. Murthy and Dr. Srikantaswamy Deekshit, Namana Kalamantapa, behind Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **4 pm [Mob: 97437-69403].**
- **Manthana, Mysuru:** Talk on 'Truth, Numbers and the Republic' by actor, activist and journalist Prakash Belawadi, Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore, Hunsur Road, **5pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Siripurandara' (Written by Sriranga; Directed by Mahadeva Hadapada) by Rangayana, Kalaburagi, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Janashatru' (Written and directed by S. Surendranath based on Henrik Ibsen 'An enemy of the people'), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**

Mahishasura (K) - *Morning Show*

Krack (Te) - 3 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**

12 O' Clock (H) - 3 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9986022634**

Krack (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Krack (Te)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.30 pm, 9.55
Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	1.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm, 7.30
Mahishasura (K)	(S-2)	11.05 am
	(S-4)	4.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE **Ph: 2533444 / 2533456**

Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 2.35 pm
		5.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 pm
12 O' Clock (H)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 6.05 pm
Mahishasura (K)	(S-4)	3.15 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS **Ph: 0821 - 2973519**

Mahishasura (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
12 O' Clock (H)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 4.30 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm
		5.30 pm, 9.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Hyderabad beat NorthEast in six-goal thriller

Hyderabad FC defenders try to block Idrissa Sylla's (NorthEast United FC) shot during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco, Goa, yesterday.

Vasco, Jan. 9- Hyderabad FC overcame NorthEast United FC with a 4-2 win at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday to secure back-to-back wins in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21.

Aridane Santana and Joel Chianese gave Hyderabad a two-goal lead in the first half before a Federico Gallego penalty and a Benjamin Lambot goal restored parity for NorthEast ahead of the break. Super-sub Liston Colaco then came off the bench and netted two late goals to give Hyderabad the win. Hyderabad took the lead just three minutes into the game after some delightful work by Chianese.

Marquez's men then made NorthEast pay for their failure to make the most of their chances by doubling their lead in the 36th minute. Chianese was the goal-scorer on this occasion giving Hyderabad a 2-0 lead.

NorthEast though fought back before halftime when Halicharan Narzary was adjudged to have brought down Ashutosh Mehta in the box. Gallego took the penalty and dispatched it straight down the middle to halve the deficit. The Highlanders then scored the equaliser with the last kick of the half after a cross from the right was headed on target by Ashutosh. The Telangana-based club did get their goal in the 85th minute courtesy of some individual brilliance by Colaco. Colaco wasn't done yet and ran in behind the defence thanks to a touch from Santana in the dying moments of the game. He went on to score his second of the night by slotting the ball past the goalkeeper to secure the win for Hyderabad.

Hero of the Match: Joel Chianese (Hyderabad FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Akash Mishra (Hyderabad FC).

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE
IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Jan. 9)

BENGALURU FC Vs **EAST BENGAL**
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Matches (Jan. 10)

CHENNAIYIN FC Vs **ODISHA**
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **5.00 pm**

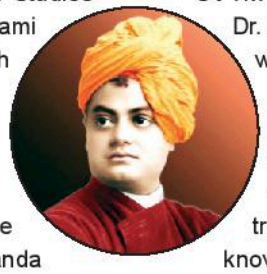
JAMSHEDPUR Vs **KERALA BLASTERS**
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

NORTHEAST UNITED - 2
Lose to
HYDERABAD - 4

Catch all live actions on
STAR India

Webinar to mark National Youth Day celebrations



Mysuru, Jan. 9- Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, has organised a webinar on Jan. 11 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, on the occasion of Vivekananda Jayanti which is celebrated as the National Youth Day.

The National Youth Day is celebrated with the aim that Vivekananda's philosophy and prophecy is always a great source of inspiration for Indian youth. The webinar attempts to interpret his relevance even to this day and for the moment.

SVYM Founder-President Dr. R. Balasubramaniam will be the speaker.

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